(b) how many of these documents are pending for registeration recording as on 31st December, 2000;

(c) whether it is a fact that lakhs of pending documents in Registrar Office are not available for inspection or for certified copies to public; and

(d) the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

SC guidelines for Fast Track Courts

1455. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court proposes to lay down guidelines for monitoring and functioning of Fast Track Courts being set up in various States;

(b) if so, whether the number of Fast Track Courts would be enhanced in all the States and Judges be appointed to dispose of the cases;

(c) if so, whether the various Bar Councils have given their views on the functioning of Fast Track Courts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) The matter regarding functioning of Fast Track Courts is presently under *sub-judice* in the Supreme Court in the Transfer Case (Civil) No. 22/2001, Brij Mohan Lal Versus Union of India and others. In the said case, as per Order dated 8th November, 2001, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has observed;

it will be appropriate if some guide-lines are laid down with regard to the functioning of the fast track courts.

(b) to (d) The matter is *sub-judice* involving the Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh, Bar Association of Peddapally, A.P. and Others.

Criticism of Fast Track Court Project

1456. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has recently criticised Government's amibitious scheme to speed up trials under "Fast Track Court' Project;